

amount of unpaid taxes and interest on such taxes that have accrued on real property in the District of Columbia or New York, New York under applicable law.”

SA 3700. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. ENSIGN) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 4818, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 183, after line 23, add the following:

SUPPORT FOR THE POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE OF LEBANON

SEC. 599F. (a) The Senate makes the following findings:

(1) The United States has long supported the sovereignty, territorial integrity, and political independence of Lebanon and the sole and exclusive exercise by the Government of Lebanon of national governmental authority throughout that country.

(2) The continued presence in Lebanon of nongovernmental armed groups and militias, including Hizbollah, prevents the Government of Lebanon from exercising its full sovereignty over all territory in that country.

(3) The Government of Syria has had a military presence in Lebanon since 1976, and maintains approximately 20,000 troops in Lebanon.

(4) The Government of Syria continues to violate United Nations Security Council Resolution 520, adopted in 1982, which demands that “all non-Lebanese forces” leave Lebanon.

(5) Syria has, since 1979, been labeled by the Department of State as a state sponsor of terrorism.

(6) President George W. Bush signed an Executive order on May 11, 2004, that implements sanctions against the Government of Syria pursuant to the Syria Accountability and Lebanese Sovereignty Restoration Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-175; 22 U.S.C. 2151 note), demonstrating the resolve of the United States to address both the continued military presence of Syria in Lebanon and the support of the Government of Syria for terrorism.

(7) United Nations Security Council Resolution 1559, approved on September 2, 2004, expressed support for a free and fair electoral process in the upcoming presidential election in Lebanon conducted according to constitutional rules adopted in Lebanon without foreign interference or influence.

(8) On September 3, 2004, the Government of Syria, according to numerous reports, exerted undue influence upon government officials in Lebanon to amend the constitution to extend the term of the President of Lebanon, Emile Lahoud, who is supported by the Government of Syria.

(b) Congress—

(1) commends President George W. Bush for implementing sanctions on the Government of Syria pursuant to the Syria Accountability and Lebanese Sovereignty Restoration Act of 2003;

(2) urges the United Nations to seek a firm, negotiated schedule for the complete withdrawal from Lebanon of Syria armed forces in order to facilitate the restoration of the sovereignty, territorial integrity, and political independence of Lebanon;

(3) calls upon the Government of Syria to immediately withdraw its troops from Lebanon in accordance with United Nations resolutions;

(4) demands that the Government of Syria—

(A) cease its support and armament of terrorist groups such as Hizbollah; and

(B) facilitate efforts by the legitimate national government and armed forces of Lebanon to disarm all nongovernmental armed groups and militias located in Lebanon and to extend central government authority throughout Lebanon; and

(5) condemns all efforts to derail the democratic process in Lebanon and to interfere with the legitimate election process in that country.

SA 3701. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. BINGAMAN) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 4818, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 134, line 16, after the period insert:

(e) AVAILABILITY AND USE OF FUNDS.—Funds appropriated under the heading “International Organizations and Programs” that are not made available for UNFPA because of the operation of any provision of law shall remain available until September 30, 2006: Provided, That funds made available pursuant to this section may not be used for any other purpose, notwithstanding the authority contained in sections 451, 610 and 614 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, or any other provisions of law unless specifically authorized in subsequent legislation.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the following hearing has been scheduled before the committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will be held on Thursday, September 30 at 10:30 a.m., in room SD-366.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony regarding issues related to low level radioactive waste.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, SD-364 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact: Clint Williamson at 202-224-7556, Dr. Pete Lyons at 202-224-5861 or Shane Perkins at 202-224-7555.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. ENSIGN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 23, 2004, at 2:30 p.m., in open session to receive testimony on the global posture review of United States military forces Stationed overseas.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. ENSIGN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet for a hearing entitled “Prescription Drug Abuse and Diversion: The Role of Prescription Drug Monitoring Program” during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 23, 2004, at 2 p.m., in SD-430.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. ENSIGN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 23, 2004, at 4 p.m., to hold a closed business meeting.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. ENSIGN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that Margaret Klutz, a member of Senator DOLE’s staff, be given floor privileges for the duration of today’s session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. BAUCUS. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the privileges of the floor be granted to the following fellows and interns of the Finance Committee for the consideration of the conference report on H.R. 1308, the Increased Child Tax Credit bill: Mary Tuckerman, Priya Mahanti, Audrey Schultz, Brittney McClary, Kelsie Eggenasperger, Paige Lester, Jeremy Sylestine, Jodi George, Scott Landes, and Matt Stokes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMEMORATING THE 215TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 433, submitted earlier today by Senators LAUTENBERG and CRAIG.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:
A resolution (S. Res. 433) commemorating the 215th anniversary of the United States Marshals Service.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and preamble be agreed to en bloc, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD without intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 433) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 433

Whereas the Act entitled "An Act to establish the Judicial Court of the United States", approved September 24, 1789 (1 Stat. 73) ("the Judiciary Act of 1789"), directed the appointment of a Marshal and launched the United States Marshals Service;

Whereas the Judiciary Act of 1789 determined that law enforcement would be the primary function of the United States Marshal;

Whereas President George Washington subsequently appointed the first 13 United States Marshals that same year;

Whereas during 215 years of service, United States Marshals have executed warrants, distributed presidential proclamations, registered enemy aliens in time of war, and helped conduct the national census;

Whereas during 215 years of service, United States Marshals have protected the President and the Federal courts, provided for the custody and transportation of Federal prisoners, and maintained and disposed of seized and forfeited properties;

Whereas through the Witness Security Program, United States Marshals have provided for the security, health, and safety of more than 7,500 government witnesses and 9,500 family members whose lives were in danger as a result of the witnesses' testimony against drug traffickers, terrorists, organized crime members, and other major criminals;

Whereas during 215 years of service, United States Marshals have conducted their mission of fugitive apprehension with skill and valor; and

Whereas United States Marshals carry out complex and life-threatening missions daily to maintain the integrity of the judicial process of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commemorates the 215th anniversary of the United States Marshals Service;

(2) recognizes the United States Marshals Service as one of the most versatile and effective law enforcement agencies in the world; and

(3) honors the men and women who have served the United States Marshals Service and our Nation so well with their dedication to justice, integrity, and service.

GREATER CIVIC AWARENESS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 434 submitted earlier today by Senators LEVIN, COCHRAN, LEAHY, ALLEN, and others.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 434) recognizing and supporting all efforts to promote greater civic awareness among the people of the United States.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and preamble be agreed to en bloc, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD without intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 434) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 434

Whereas the Constitution of the United States establishes a representative form of government in which the people of the United States elect Members of the House of Representatives and Senators of the Senate, and each of the States appoint electors who, based on the popular vote of the State, select the President and the Vice-President;

Whereas the 15th, 19th, 24th, and 26th amendments to the Constitution establish that the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude; on account of sex; by reason of failure to pay any poll tax or other tax; and on account of age for those 18 years of age and older;

Whereas the right of citizens of the United States to vote is fundamental to our representative form of government;

Whereas many eligible citizens do not exercise the right to vote;

Whereas numerous civic awareness organizations and advocacy groups at the Federal, State, and local level actively promote voter registration and voter participation; and

Whereas many communities and schools have instituted civic awareness programs: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes and supports all efforts to promote greater civic awareness among the people of the United States, including civic awareness programs such as candidate forums and voter registration drives; and

(2) encourages local communities and elected officials at all levels of government to promote greater awareness among the electorate of civic responsibility and the importance of participating in these elections.

CONGRATULATING THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE 2004 SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Commerce Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 427 and that the Senate then proceed to its consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 427) congratulating the citizens of Greece, the members of the Athens 2004 Organizing Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games, the International Olympic Committee, the U.S. Olympic Committee, the 2004 U.S. Olympic Team, athletes from around the World, and all the personnel who participated in the 2004 Olympic Summer Games in Athens, Greece.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and preamble be agreed to en bloc, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD without further intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 427) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 427

Whereas Greece—birthplace of the Olympics—was selected on September 5, 1997, as the host of the 2004 Olympic Summer Games;

Whereas from August 13 to August 29, 2004, the Olympic Summer Games returned to Greece, more than 100 years after Athens staged the first modern Olympics in 1896 and nearly 3 millennia after Greece staged the first Olympics in 776 B.C.;

Whereas the people of Greece opened their hearts to the athletes who came together from all over the world and took part in the 2004 Olympic Summer Games in the best spirit of good sportsmanship;

Whereas the President and Managing Director of the Athens 2004 Organizing Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games and their associates, the Mayor of Athens, and the Government of Greece—particularly the officials from the Ministry of Culture in collaboration with the Ministry of Public Works—did an outstanding job in staging a great Olympic Summer Games in a manner that embodied the legacy, ideals, and values that Hellenic culture has given the world;

Whereas the Government of Greece, entrusted with the responsibility of protecting the athletes, coaches, judges, and spectators of the 2004 Olympic Summer Games, rose to the challenges to provide a safe Olympic Summer Games;

Whereas 10,500 athletes and 5,500 team officials from a record 201 National Olympic Committees prepared for and competed in the Olympic Summer Games with unmatched dedication, and inspired the world with their spirit of peaceful competition;

Whereas over 5,000 athletes from 140 nations will compete in the 2004 Paralympic Summer Games in Athens, Greece, representing the broadest country participation in Paralympic history and reminding the world that physical challenges are no limit to human achievement;

Whereas the Olympic venues constructed by Greece have been hailed as world class and have set a new standard of modernity for all future Olympic Games;

Whereas the 531 members of the United States Olympic Team added substantially to the great legacy of sportsmanship and athleticism that has characterized the history of United States Olympic competition;

Whereas the security personnel at the 2004 Olympic Summer Games all worked to ensure that the 2004 Olympic Summer Games were safe and secure for athletes and spectators alike;

Whereas over 5,000 individuals of Greece and other citizens from around the world volunteered their time and talents to show the world the best that Greece has to offer; and

Whereas the 2004 Olympic Summer Games accomplished the principles set forth by the Olympic movement, including the aim to "encourage the Olympic spirit of peace and harmony, which brings the people from across the world together around Olympic sport": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate extends its heartiest congratulations for a job well done to the citizens of Greece, the members of the Athens 2004 Organizing Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games, the International Olympic Committee, the United States Olympic Committee, the members,